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	10/618,652	LIU, CHENG KUO
	Examiner Thai Q. Phan	Art Unit 2128

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to patent application S/N: 10/618,652, filed on 07/15/2003 . Claims 1-7 are pending in the action.

Drawings

The drawings filed on 07/15/2003 are acceptable for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas et al, US patent no. 6,671,756.

As per claim 1, Thomas anticipates a method and apparatus for performing data transfer of a keyboard-video-mouse KVM switch, the switch having a main processor (Fig. 8, col. 7, lines 41-60), a plurality of input/output ports (col. 8, lines 5-18). The method includes steps

Storing peripheral data in the data register corresponding to each i/o port for which the peripheral data is ready for transfer (col. 9, lines 26-35, cols. 10-11),

Setting the transmit flag register corresponding to each of the i/o ports connecting to the corresponding computer ready for receiving the peripheral data and having the peripheral data ready for transfer (col. 9 above and col. 20, lines 52-65),

At each of the i/o ports corresponding to the transmit flag set, transferring a bit of the peripheral data from the data register thereof to the data pin thereof during a clock cycle (cols. 20-24), and repeating the step above for the completion of data transfer.

As per claim 2, Thomas anticipates data pins, clock pins, i/o ports and the process of checking the data ready for transfer.

As per claim 3, claim 3 is directed to receiving data from data transmission from claim 1 above, and Thomas anticipates the process of receiving data with control mechanism as claimed. Claim 3 is also rejected in like manner.

As per claims 4-7, due to the similarity of claims 4-7 to claims 1-3 above, and Thomas anticipates a computer implemented method for performing data transfer of a KVM switch having feature limitations as in claims 4-7. Claims 4-7 are thus rejected with the rationales as set forth.

Conclusion

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 1. US patent no. 6,957,287, issued to Lou et al, on 10/2005
 2. US patent application publication no. 2003/0188049, issued to Dickens, Nigel Anthony, on 10/2003

3. US patent application publication no. 2003/0217123, issued to Anderson et al, on 11/2003.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Thai Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-3783.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah can be reached on 571-272-2279. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Thai Phan
Patent Examiner